

## **RESOLUTION**

### **In Support of Development and Maintenance of a Geographic Information System for North Carolina**

Whereas, the Interagency Leadership Team (ILT), comprised of ten state and federal agencies, believes that the State of North Carolina needs a tool that provides reliable, up-to-date, and complete data for collaborative and comprehensive planning efforts including transportation, land use, economic development, natural resource conservation and cultural resource protection planning; and,

Whereas, the data and information associated with State of North Carolina's current Geographic Information System (GIS) is either out of date or does not exist at all statewide; and,

Whereas, the ILT has proposed a major, focused effort to create or update 171 GIS data layers at an initial cost of \$38.2 million and then maintained on a specified basis at an annual cost of \$4.7 million; and,

Whereas, the benefits to be realized from implementing this project include:

1. decreased cost for planning at the local, state and federal levels;
  2. improved decision-making through the availability of current and reliable data;
  3. productivity gains through the use of GIS in collaborative and early planning efforts;
- and,

Whereas, the return on investment for the State of North Carolina is estimated to be a minimum of \$50 million per year; and,

Whereas, ultimately, up-to-date and maintained GIS data layers can facilitate comprehensive and collaborative planning efforts across the state, including the delivery of transportation solutions in a timely manner while enhancing the natural and human environment and economic development potential in North Carolina; and,

Whereas, on April 25, 2006 the Secretaries of Transportation, Commerce, Cultural Resources and Environment and Natural Resources sent a letter to the State Budget Officer – Office of State Budget and Management and the Senior Policy Advisor for Fiscal Affairs - Office of the Governor recommending funding for the development of a shared, comprehensive, accessible GIS database for the state of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, the ILT Chairman Dempsey Benton presented the ILT's proposal for the development and maintenance of a comprehensive, shared Geographic Information System to the NC Board of Transportation's Environmental Planning and Policy Committee Meeting on May 31, 2006;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION  
AT ITS MEETING IN RALEIGH ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2006:**

The Board of Transportation endorses the request on April 25, 2006 by the Secretaries of Transportation, Commerce, Cultural Resources and Environment and Natural Resources to the State Budget Officer – Office of State Budget and Management and the Senior Policy Advisor for Fiscal Affairs - Office of the Governor recommending funding for the development of a shared, comprehensive, accessible GIS database for the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the first day of June, 2006 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation:

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation